George Granville Barker

- born Feb. 26, 1913, Loughton, Essex, Eng.
- died Oct. 27, 1991, Itteringham, Norfolk.
- In 1991 he suffered from emphysema and passed away at the age of 78.
- George Barker was raised by his Irish mother and English father in Battersea, London.
- He was educated at an L.C.C. school and at Regent Street Polytechnic
- Barker left school at 14.
- Barker was a heavy drinker and used drugs such as Benzedrine and Methedrine.
- He taught English literature in Japan, the United States, and England from 1939 to 1974.
- He left there in 1940 due to the hostilities, but wrote Pacific Sonnets during his tenure.
- His first verses were published in the 1930s.
- He became popular in the '40s, about the same time as the poet Dylan Thomas.
- **T.S. Eliot** said Barker was "a genius and his life was often as turbulent and extravagant as his verse, fathering fifteen children over his life time by different partners. Although he is barely remembered in the public consciousness today, Barker was one of the most original and vibrant poets of his time".
- Worked at a variety of jobs before his first publications, the novel "*Alanna Autumnal* and *Thirty Preliminary* Poems, appeared in 1933.
- The publication of "*Eros in Dogma"* in 1944 earned him a wider reputation by which time he had also spent time, in 1939, in Japan as a professor at Tohuku University, though he left when hostilities broke out at the beginning of **World War II**.
- Two of his important long poems are "*Calamiterror"* (1937), which was inspired by the **Spanish Civil War**.
- His poems include the moving *"Sonnet to My Mother".* His later poems include *"Villa Stellar*" (1978) and *"Anno Domini*" (1983). Barker's Collected Poems was published in 1987.

George Barker Poems

- Circular from America
- Grandfather, Grandfather
- January Jumps About
- O Child Beside The Waterfall
- O Who Will Speak From a Womb or a Cloud?
- Summer Song

- True Confession
- Turn on your side and bear the day to me
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Kathleen Jessie Raine

- Kathleen Jessie Raine (14 June 1908 – 6 July 2003) was a **British poet, critic and scholar**.
- Kathleen had a Christian upbringing and became a Roman Catholic in the 1940s - a decision she later admitted was a mistake.
- Born to Scottish mother and an English father. Kathleen Jessie Raine was educated at the **University of Cambridge's Girton College**.
- Writing in particular on William Blake, W. B. Yeats and Thomas Taylor.
- William Blake was her master, and she shared her belief that "one power alone makes a poet - imagination, the divine vision".
- A visionary poet whose work probed the intersection of **science and mysticism**, Raine bridged elements of **Jungian psychology and Neo-Platonism** in her work.
- Known for her interest in various forms of **spirituality, most prominently Platonism and Neoplatonism**.
- In 1981, with Brian Keeble, Keith Critchlow, and Philip Sherrard, Raine founded the literary journal **Temenos and the Temenos Press**. With the support of Prince Charles, she was a founding member of the **Temenos Academy**.
- Her poetry collections include *Stone and Flower (1943)*.
- **W.H. Smith Literary Award**–winner *The Lost Country (1972)*.
- *The Oracle in the Heart* (1979),
- *The Collected Poems of Kathleen Raine* (2001).
- Raine began to publish her **critical studies** of William Blake, including the two-volume
    - *Blake and Tradition* (1968 and 1969),
    - *From Blake to a Vision* (1979), and
    - *Golgonooza, City of Imagination: Last Studies in William Blake* (1991).

- Raine published four memoirs, including
  - *Farewell Happy Fields* (1973),
  - *The Land Unknown* (1975), and
  - *The Lion's Mouth* (1977),
  - which have been collectively published as **Autobiographies (1991)**.
- **Philippa Bernard** wrote a biography of the poet, *No End to Snowdrops: A Biography of Kathleen Raine (2010).*
- A Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature
- 1992, Raine received the Queen's Gold Medal for Literature
- 1952, The Harriet Monroe Memorial Prize
- 1961, The Oscar Blumenthal Prize
- 1953, The Chapel brook Award
- 1970, The Cholmondeley Award
- 1972, The Smith Literary Award
- She was also granted honorary doctorates by Durham University, Leicester University, and Caen University.
- She died in London at the age of 95.
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Elizabeth Joan Jennings

- Born July 18, 1926, in Boston, Lincolnshire, England; died, October 26, 2001
- Daughter of Henry Cecil Jennings (a physician).
- As a young woman raised in a Roman Catholic household, she first attended Rhy St Antony School in Headington.
- She later attended Oxford High School.
- Jennings received her university education from St Anne's College in Oxford from 1944 to 1947.
- Member of Society of Authors
- Publisher of twenty-six books of poetry in her lifetime
- Awards:
  - Arts Council award, 1953, for Poems
  - Somerset Maugham Award, 1956, for Away of Looking
  - Arts Council bursary, 1965 and 1968
  - Richard Hillary Memorial Prize, 1966, for The Mind Has Mountains

- Arts Council grant, 1972
- W. H. Smith award, 1987, for Collected Poems, 1953-86.

- Elizabeth Jennings first developed a love for writing in university.
- An important period of her life was spent in Rome.
- Jennings received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Durham University shortly before her death.
- Elizabeth Jennings is buried in Wolvercote Cemetery in Oxford.
- Famous Poems
  - 'Sequence in a Hospital'
  - 'Admonition'
  - 'Song at the Beginning of Autumn'
  - 'Rembrandt's Late Self-Portraits'
  - 'Answers'
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